

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### DOG DAZE

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for Tinky in the October issue. As a lover of dogs, I've read this aloud to friends and we have laughed over it till we cried.... We would like more stories by Mercer Cook....

Frances W. Smith  
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Your recent publication of the experiences of Tinky has not only redeemed my caninity but in considerable measure restored my faith in humanity. My circumstances are all too similar to Tinky's. For instance, I was given, in a fit of hilarity, the whimsical name of Shirley! Frequently, when I am being called to meals, this leads to the most embarrassing confusion with an obnoxious small human female neighbor.

My mistresses regard the possibility of intellectual interest on the part of dogs with the same levity as Tinky's family. Only the other evening I lay down on the living-room floor, with one ear cocked to a speech by presidential candidate Stevenson, to study the views of various congressional candidates as tabulated in the copy of *The Washington Post* and *Times-Herald* someone had conveniently tossed down. I was startled by shrieks of laughter that drowned out Mr. Stevenson's analysis of the Middle East crisis and made it virtually impossible to concentrate on the views of Congressman Broyhill. From the subsequent conversation I was mortified to learn that they thought I was "pretending" to read and could not imagine I would be interested in this campaign since "there is no Falla or Checkers in it." To think that I would be judged so canicentric!

Please convey my profound sympathies to the former Professor and mink-clad Mrs. Anderson on the loss of their benefactor, Tinky (may he rest in peace).

Shirley  
Arlington, Virginia

### BOOKMAKER'S PLAUDIT

Dear Sirs:

I have just read, in the October issue of *AMERICAS*, the excellent report about José Olympio and his publishing firm by Paulo Rónai. . . . As a member of the concern, I want to extend my thanks.

Gabriel Athos Pereira  
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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### SINCERE, NOT SORDID

Dear Sirs:

I am deeply grateful to the person who reviewed *Una Moneda al Río y Otros Cuentos* (A Coin in the River and Other Stories) in your October issue. . . . It seems to me the reviewer, whoever he is, has a lot more sense than half the Chilean critics who see nothing but smut in the works of Nicomedes Guzmán. I am sure Mr. Guzmán himself will share my sentiments for the recognition of the abiding quality of his work.

Any fool can find fault, but it takes a genuine critic to point out and identify meritorious contributions. . . . Thanks a lot.

Paul J. Cooke  
Monticello College  
Alton, Illinois

## MAIL BAG

The following correspondents, in search of pen pals throughout the Hemisphere, have asked *AMERICAS* to publish their names and addresses. Readers requesting this service must print their names and addresses and be able to write in at least two of the official OAS languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French), shown below by the initials after the name. Those who are students are asked to say whether they are of high-school (H) or college (C) level. Stamp collectors are indicated by an asterisk after the name.

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The *Organization of American States* unites the twenty-one republics of the Western Hemisphere for the common purpose of maintaining peace, freedom, security, and welfare of all Americans. The member states are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The OAS had its inception in 1890 during the First International Conference of American States, which met in Washington. Today, it operates through a large number of different agencies and institutions throughout the Hemisphere, all contributing to the common objective of preserving the peace and security of the member states and promoting, by cooperative action, their economic, social, and cultural development.

The Pan American Union, central permanent organ and General Secretariat of the OAS, has its headquarters in Washington, D. C. Called "The House of the Americas," its main building of white marble, with its tropical patio and Aztec Garden, is visited each year by thousands of Americans from all parts of the Western Hemisphere.

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*Man from Turrialba* Armando Samper May 11  
*OAS Up to Date* Jun 34  
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#### PANAMA

*Panama City Then and Now* Ricardo J. Bermúdez Jul 18

*Patterns Underfoot* Georges D. Landau Sep 34

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*Plantation Playwright* Benedicta S. Monsen Aug 8

*Popayán Christmas* Andrew Hunter Whiteford Dec 7

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#### PUERTO RICO

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*Puerto Rican Sketches* Calisto H. de Mier Jun 22



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Reef, Betty *Adiós, Santo Tomás* Apr 3  
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*Santagram* Victorino Tejera Dec 24

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*School for Public Servants* Georges D. Landau Nov 12

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#### SCIENCE

*ITA Keeps Them Flying* Georges D. Landau Jun 12

*To Probe the Earth and the Sky* Elliot B. Roberts Jul 7

*Window on the Cosmos* Ismael Escobar Nov 3

*Second Columbus* Andrés Townsend Ecurra May 23

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*Spanish Mission to Virginia* Lawrence T. King Nov 19

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#### SPORTS

*Flying Wrestler* Hubert Leckie Oct 25

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*Story of a River* Vicente Barbieri Mar 26



*Teachers of Teachers* H. W. Bosenberg Mar 14

Tejera, Gil Blas *Phonograph* Jul 26

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Téllez, Hernando *Lather and Nothing Else* Jan 22

#### THEATER, MOVIES, AND RADIO

*No Axe to Grind* Aubrey B. Haines Apr 19

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*Tinky* Mercer Cook Oct 28

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#### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

*Boats of No Return* Enrique Bunster Mar 24

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#### TRAVEL

*Day at the Fair* Aug 32

*Fiesta Town* James Norman Oct 10

*Forgotten Island* Wallace B. Alig Dec 14

*Guatemalan Dances* Dorothy Reynolds Jan 31

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#### UNITED STATES

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Walker, Kathleen *Gowns by Estévez* Dec 11

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*What Are Their Chances?* Elizabeth B. Kilmer Sep 21

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Whiteford, Andrew Hunter *Popayán Christmas* Dec 7

Wilhelm, Marion *Borrowed Families* Nov 23

Wilson, Betty *Adventures in Folk Music* Sep 15

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